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Thursday. Temperature will
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day morning.

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ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1919.

PRICE ONE CENT

FAIL TO FIND TRACE OF K. W. SPRINGMAN

Bread Driver Missing Since
Monday After-
noon

FUTILE SEARCH TODAY

Motor Truck Driven by Man Found at
Four Mile Run—Relatives Fear Foul
Play

Every effort to find any trace of the whereabouts of Kenneth Morrison F. Springmann, 24 years old, driver of a truck for the Dorsch Baking Company, Washington, who lives at 610 South Lee street, thus far has proved unavailing.

The Alexandria and Washington authorities today were engaged in dragging four mile run in hope of finding the body. Every available foot of territory near Four mile run was gone over by the searchers without success.

Springmann has been missing since Monday afternoon. Yesterday morning his truck was found standing intact near Four mile run. Springmann at the time was returning to Washington, having completed his day's work of delivering bread, he having gone as far as Hoadly, Prince William county, Va.

He arrived in Alexandria, according to his wife, between 3 and 4 p. m., Monday afternoon and went home and before leaving told his wife that he would be home between 6 and 6:30 o'clock that evening.

Nothing further was thought of the matter until he failed to make his appearance at his home yesterday morning.

Search was instituted by relatives and an investigation resulted that his motor truck was standing in the road off Four mile run.

The truck was subsequently taken in charge by the baking company by whom Springmann was employed. It was seen at the same place at 2 o'clock yesterday morning by the driver of a truck.

Mrs. Springmann stated this morning that when her husband left home Monday afternoon he told her that he had three or four stops to make at stores before going to Washington. He did not mention their location and the supposition is that they were in Alexandria county just north of this city.

The wife is of the opinion that he had between \$100 and \$125 in his possession at the time, this being money he had collected for bread delivered on his trip to Alexandria and the neighboring counties.

Springmann formerly was employed by Corby Brothers as driver of a bread wagon in Alexandria and for the past month he had been employed by the Dorsch Baking Company of Washington, covering Alexandria and nearby counties.

His home is Lorton, Va., and he has been living in Alexandria for some time past. He has a wife and little baby and his wife is a teacher in the public schools in this city. He is a cousin of Detective James A. Springmann, of Washington.

Mrs. Springmann is overcome at the unexplained disappearance of her husband and is hoping hourly to hear some tidings of his whereabouts.

Relatives of the missing man fear that he may have been a victim of foul play.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving remembrance of our dear son and brother, Irving Brown, who departed this life three years ago today, December 10, 1916. He is waiting by the river, Just across the silent stream, Where sweet flowers are ever blooming, And the banks are ever green.

By his devoted mother and sister, Ruth. 293-1p.

Maurice Tournour presents "The Broken Butterfly," the story of a great love at the Richmond Theatre tomorrow night.

By making a small payment, we will lay aside goods for you. Elliott. 292-2t

BIG SING SUNDAY

Affair at 3 P. M. In Richmond Theatre Led by Professor Chamberlain

The Alexandria Sunday School Association has engaged the Richmond Theatre for Sunday afternoon for a big sing to be conducted by Professor E. B. Chamberlain, Y. M. C. A., state song leader.

During this week each school is being drilled on a number of songs before the movie show that the Y. M. C. A. is putting on, so that on Sunday there will be a good entertainment for the people of the city.

Prof. Chamberlain, as stated a few days ago is now conducting a church music institute. The young men and ladies that are attending are manifesting great interest in the work. Any others that are interested in getting some training on how to lead music and a course in church music general should attend these meetings, which are held each evening at 8 o'clock in the Sunday School room of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. It is unnecessary to say that this is a free course, but some persons seem to think there is charge attached. This evening on account of the regular prayer meeting in the Sunday School room, the institute will meet in the Westminster Building on the third floor.

SPORTS

A meeting of the city basketball league has been called for Thursday night at Community Center by Capt. Louis Duffey, president of the circuit, and managers of all teams desiring to secure franchises are requested to be present promptly at 8 o'clock.

Plans for the season, a schedule, the appointing of officials and the adoption of a constitution will be the order of the meeting. To date, five teams have applied for franchises, and it is hoped to have a sixth team represented tomorrow night.

A junior basketball league will probably be in force here in the near future, as some fifty youngsters are playing basketball and volleyball every afternoon and evening at Community Center.

Bill Entwistle was elected captain and coach of the Lyceum basketball team at a meeting last night, while H. L. Wheatley was chosen manager with Rev. Louis Smet as honorary president. Norris Roland was elected vice president, Sylvester Breen treasurer, and Louis Hoy secretary.

The following players will represent the Lyceum on the floor this winter, both in the league games as well as exhibition contests: Capt. Entwistle, Edwin Hayden, Leslie Williams, Kemp Cockrell, Frank Cockrell, George Dobson, Theron Hayden, Louis Hoy, Wilbur Jones, Norris Roland, and Robert White-stone.

An exhibition contest has been scheduled with the Camp Humphreys Officers Team for December 19th at Camp Humphreys.

Merchandise prizes will be awarded the winners of the Christmas Day run to be held under the auspices of Community Service. Entries are being received at Community Center every day. No regular entry blank is necessary.

MARRIAGE NOTICE

Mrs. Ruth Edelen, of Alexandria, and Mr. Edgar J. Adams, of Detroit, Michigan, were married Tuesday evening, December 9, 1919, at Trinity M. E. Church parsonage, by the Rev. A. E. Spielman. 293-1p.

SHRINE NOTICE

Arrangements have been made for a ceremonial of Accu Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Richmond, Va., on December 16th, 1919, those who desire to take the degree at that time, will please notify me.

F. W. Latham, Representative of the Potentate. 293-4p

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to many friends and relatives, for their kindness shown us during the illness of our father, and also for their beautiful floral offerings, and use of automobiles at the funeral of our beloved father.

293-1p Mrs. John Robey and family

SCHOOL TRUSTEES FAIL TO QUALIFY

City Council Discusses Need
of an Aerial
Truck

QUARTERS FOR CLINIC

Board of Aldermen Adjourn for
Christmas Holidays—Till Jan. 13
and Common Council Non Concurs

The need of an aerial truck in this city to take the place of the present city service truck was informally discussed last night by common council immediately after that body transacted routine business. The subject was brought up by Councilman Desmond. Several of those present expressed themselves as favoring the purchase of such a piece of apparatus.

Councilman Ruben said that several years ago he interviewed a number of large taxpayers and they signed a petition favoring the purchase of an aerial truck. While there is not need for it often, Mr. Ruben said that when it is needed it is needed badly.

The city school board sent a communication to council that George E. Warfield, Harry Hammond and T. Clifton Howard, recently elected school trustees, had failed to qualify. It was decided to elect their successors at the next meeting of council.

Councilman Ruben said that in the event they could not get men to serve he favored getting women on the board.

The sum of \$150 was appropriated to fix up quarters in some city property for the use of the health department for its clinic.

Most of the members of council favored using the old police court room, directly over headquarters for that purpose. The clinic will be continued probably until May or June it was stated.

Announcement was made by Councilman Fletcher that he expected to have the new traffic regulations ready for presentation at the next meeting of council.

The sum of \$700 was appropriated for the purchase and installation of fire plugs and \$550 for widening the floors of the Columbia engine house and removing the horse stalls therein in order to make room for the new motor apparatus. Permission was granted the Southern Auto Supply Company to place a gasoline tank on the north side of Gibbon street just west of Alfred street.

The board of aldermen adjourned for the Christmas holidays until January 13, Common Council, however, non concurred in their action.

Bill of H. L. Peyton for \$5 for making a drawing of the yardmaster's office of the Southern Railway to be used at a recent murder trial in the corporation court was referred to the finance committee.

COMMUNITY PLANS OUTLINED

At the meeting of the General Committee of the Alexandria Community Service last night at Community Center, Prince and Royal streets, plans for the coming holidays were mapped out, and several pleasing ideas were adopted. The first calls for a big Community Christmas, with a tree, Christmas carols and all that goes to make up a happy holiday spirit. An invitation has been extended to all the churches of the city to assist in making this a real Community Christmas.

A community sing every Sunday afternoon is also scheduled, and efforts are being made to secure the Opera House for this purpose. The program, as outlined by Chairman A. D. Brockett, was approved, and the details will be worked out by the executive committee.

Chairman Brockett last night appointed the executive committee as follows—Mrs. T. Marshall Jones, Mrs. C. T. Howard, Mrs. Albert Driefus, Mr. Carroll Pierce, Mr. J. Y. Williams, Mr. T. E. Dyson and Mr. O. H. Kirk.

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Open tonight, make your selections now. Elliott. 292-2t

Alexandria Business Men, Professional Men and Property Owners
This is an investment and an
Urgent Civic Duty.

A number of our most progressive citizens have agreed to conduct a three day campaign, beginning Wednesday, the 10th, soliciting subscriptions to the stock of the Alexandria Real Estate and Mortgage Corporation, and it has been decided to only solicit subscriptions for \$1,000.00 and over during these three days.

It should be borne in mind that although the object of this company is to do all it can to relieve the present housing conditions in our city, yet every effort will be made to safe guard the money invested and to earn a reasonable profit for the stock holders.

The success of this proposition is squarely up to those Alexandrians whose business interests or property holdings are directly benefited by the continued prosperity of our city, and if they are not willing to collectively support this company in a substantial manner there is very little hope of a few men being willing to do so.

W. A. Smoot,
Frank T. King,
Taylor Burke,
M. B. Harlow,
Carroll Pierce,
B. Weil,
L. H. Dudley,
Organization Committee.

THE PICTORIAL HISTORY OF THE WAR

On Thursday night, December 11, at 8 o'clock, in the Norton Memorial of St. Paul's Church there will be shown a moving picture of the war in France, entitled "The Pictorial History of the War." This film, kindly loaned by the Y. M. C. A., of Washington, D. C., was taken by the U. S. Signal Corps, and is one of the finest in existence.

All members of St. Paul's Parish, Sunday School, church organization, and Good Shepherd Mission are especially invited to attend. Others who are interested in church welfare work will be welcomed. No charge for admission or offering asked.

GUNMAN IS KILLED

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 10.—One man was killed and another wounded in a fight between detectives and gunmen here yesterday. The yeomen attempted to hold up the offices of the Virginia Railway and Power Company as officials were counting the cash turned in by conductors. Three of the bandits were arrested.

Frank West, said to be the leader of the gang, was killed; while J. J. Murphy, of Pennsylvania; J. J. Opland, of New York, alias "Jimmy the Wop," and B. E. Decker are under arrest.

The police had been given advance information of the intention of the bandits and arrived at the barns shortly after the four men. One of the robbers was wounded in a leg when he attempted to jump from a window.

THE COAL SITUATION

In the belief that Virginia might not get her due allotment of coal during the period of shortage, 30 men representing business and coal interests in different sections of the State met Monday in Richmond at the call of Governor Davis. After discussing the problem from all angles a committee of seven was appointed to take charge of the situation and present the needs of the State to Fuel Administrator Garfield.



Shop
Early

12 Shopping Days
Till Christmas

CONSERVATIVES WILL WIN FIGHT

Labor Officials Believe 14
Per Cent Increase Will
Be Accepted

PLAY UNION METHODS

"Left Wing" of Miners' Organization
Would Oust John L. Lewis Should
They Fail to Secure Increase.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 10.—Their battle lines strengthened by a well defined plan of attack, formulated at numerous conferences during the night, the conservative element of the representatives of the United Mine Workers of America were ready to force acceptance of President Wilson's proposal for settlement of the bituminous coal miners' strike on a basis of a fourteen per cent wage increase when they reconvened today.

As the delegates entered, the conference room today, several of the men looked upon as leaders, and known to wield a powerful influence among the delegates, appeared confident. While refusing to be quoted directly they indicated that the "President's proposition will be accepted."

The delegates guarded closely their plan of action, and none offered to predict how long the conference would continue.

The conservatives are not counting on an easy fight. Those delegates opposing acceptance of the President's plan are prepared to wage a bitter battle against acceptance of the 14 per cent wage increase as a basis of settlement.

Internal politics has a great deal to do with the fight that the radicals are making. If the Government commission plan of settlement, sponsored by John L. Lewis, fails in the end to grant the miners an adequate adjustment, it is recognized here that the whole organization of the United Mine Workers would be thrown into the hands of the Farrington element, and conservatives would be ousted.

It is expected, however, that the warring factions will get together this morning, and making formal announcement of their acceptance of the Government's offer.

MAJ. R. S. SMEAD DEAD

Port Arthur, Texas, Dec. 10.—Word was received here, of the sudden death at Galveston recently of Major R. S. Smead, assistant United States engineer, A. C. Reiche, son in law of the deceased, and Mrs. Smead, his widow, left at once for Galveston to attend to preparation of the body for shipment to Port Arthur, where it will be interred. The time of the funeral has not yet been announced.

Major Smead will be remembered by many old residents of Alexandria, where he spent his boyhood and where he married Miss Anna M. Gergory, daughter of the late Douglas T. Gregory, of this place.

FACTORY MAY CLOSE

Unless an additional supply of coal is received by tomorrow afternoon the Old Dominion Glass Company will be compelled to suspend operations. Announcement to this effect was made this afternoon by officials of that company.

The closing down of this plant will throw out of employment 450 persons. The coal supply of a number of other Alexandria manufacturing concerns also is reported to be very low, although representatives of these concerns expect an additional supply of coal any day.

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POTOMAC FISH COMPANY will have on sale tomorrow and balance of week; white lake trout, maddock, bass, Spanish mackerel, flounders, yellow perch, catfish, steel pollock, Norfolk and river oysters. Best fried oysters. Phone 198. C. H. ZIMMERMAN, 109 North Royal. 293-2p

Open tonight, Elliott. 292-2t

FEAST OF DEDICATION CELEBRATED BY JEWS

Commencing on Tuesday evening, December 16th, one of the most interesting minor holidays in the Jewish calendar, will be celebrated for a period of eight days. It is known as Chanukah, the Feast of Dedication, and being a joyous home festival, it is looked forward to with anticipation by all, especially by the children, since, to a great extent, it has become a children's festival.

The festival commemorates the stirring events of the period from 168 to 165 B. C. Antiochus Epiphanes, the king of Syria wishing to unite all the provinces under his dominion into one nation, issued a decree that only the Greek religion was to be practiced thenceforth. He thereupon tried to suppress Judaism, burned the Sacred Scrolls of the law and set up idols in the Holy Temple at Jerusalem. But the Jews did not submit to his decree. Instead, they resisted, and after a long protracted warfare, Judas Maccabeus, the son of Mattathias the priest, supported his four heroic brothers, defeated the Syrians, and on the twenty-fifth day of the month of Kislev in the year 165 B. C., removed the idols from the Temple and dedicated it to the service of God.

SEEK MERCHANTS' HELP IN HOUSING

Committee Today Begun
Canvassing For Stock
Subscriptions

TO BE HELPFUL TO ALL

Subscribers To Earn A Fair Dividend
On Stock—Homes to be Erected For
New Citizens

A committee of business men today started on a systematic canvass for stock subscriptions for the Alexandria Real Estate and Mortgage Corporation. The work will be continued for a period of three days. Subscriptions for \$1,000 or more of the stock are being taken by those engaged in task.

Every merchant in the city and every person who can is urged to subscribe to this proposition.

As already told in the columns of the Gazette the purpose of the newly organized corporation is to erect suitable homes for the new population that will come to Alexandria and be employed at the U. S. Naval Torpedo Station which is a permanent institution. Every merchant in the city should subscribe at least for \$1,000 of the stock.

The new industry will be of great benefit to the merchants of the city. The more people who locate in Alexandria the more business for the merchant. Were it not for the increased population already brought here by other industries the merchants who are today enjoying prosperity probably would not be doing so.

It, therefore, behooves all merchants and others having the future prosperity of the city at heart to subscribe to stock for this proposition.

A subscription in the stock is not a gift, as the promoters of the project hope to be able to see that each stockholder in the concern secures a reasonable return on his investment.

The men engaged in the task are taking their own time in this work for the benefit of the city and none should shirk in giving them the support in this splendid project, which so richly deserves unstinted support of every business and professional man in the city.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of our dear husband and father, Noble Smith, who died three years ago today, December 10th, 1916.

Gone but not forgotten. 293-1p. By his wife and children.

Norfolk salt water Oysters and Hampton Bar clams Jacob Brill foot of King Street. 227-4

HAPPENINGS ABOUT CITY TOLD IN BRIEF

Mrs. Stewart M. Jones, has returned from Fredericksburg, where she spent the past week.

The Mary Custis Lee, 17th Va., Regiment Chapter, will hold a meeting Thursday, December 11, at 3 p. m., at Lee Camp Hall.

Misses Ruth and May Jones who have been visiting their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Jones, has returned to their home in King George County.

The local board of civil service examiners announce that an examination will be held in this city January 17 for the position of railway mail clerk. The entrance salary is \$1,200 a year.

The funeral of Mrs. Abbie S. Burrows, a former resident, who died in Washington Sunday night, took place this afternoon from Wheatley's mortuary chapel, Rev. Edgar Carpenter, rector of Grace P. E. Church officiating.

Members of the "Revue of 1919" the show to be produced under the auspices of Community Service here Christmas week, are requested to attend a rehearsal tonight at Community Center, 8:30 o'clock. At present, there are 2 young ladies taking part in the production, and four more are needed. There will be another rehearsal Friday night at the same hour.

Notice of transfer for the following piece of property have just been received at the office of the clerk of the court: Miss Mary Ellen Harrison, to Robert L. Williams, lot 702 North Washington street, Mrs. Florence E. Barker and John N. Lawrence, to Della Hall and wife house and lot on the south side of Gibbon between Pitt and St. Asaph streets; to the Green, administrator of the estate of H. D. Heat, to Frank L. Heat, lot 14, block 1, section 2, Mount Vernon.

GHOST HUNTERS

Reflection of Light Causes Investigation at Cemetery

Ghost hunting is getting to be a popular pastime just now in Alexandria. Last night a number of well known citizens armed to the teeth started out to Bethel cemetery at a late hour in search of a ghost supposed to be hovering in that city of the dead. A queer light hovering over the cemetery was responsible for the investigation. The hunters, however, found only a reflection and nothing more and so reported to their looking for the ghost.

Railroad men, many of whom are veterans in the service, stated today that such a light can be discerned in that vicinity any rainy night. A good ghost story, therefore, has been spoiled by the statement given out by men employed in the Southern Railway yards.

ELKS ENTERTAIN

A housewarming was given last night by Alexandria Lodge No. 758, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in honor of the return of that lodge to its handsome home which during the war was used as the War Camp Community Center.

More than 200 men and women, members of the order and their friends attended. During the evening there was dancing and luncheon afterward was served in the rathskeller. The tables were prettily decorated. All attending greatly enjoyed the affair.

FRUIT FOR XMAS

Let Jester treat your Battery to a box of Electrical Currents. You will find them very juicy, without them your battery will die.

JESTERS

293-1c King and Patrick Sts.

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